Theft of eyes from a body at the AIIMS

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 11th July, 1984 regarding removal of a Pair of eyes from a body sent for post-mortem examination to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences without consent of the father of the deceased;

(b) whether any complaint has been received by Government in this regard; if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government propose to take in the matter;

(c) what procedure is normally adopted for post mortem examination and for donating organs; and

(d) what action is taken for violation of the procedure?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The All India Institute of Medical Sciences, has reported that a complaint was received by the Institute from the father of the deceased Shri Ghanshyam Dass alias Munna that, on the 26th June, 1984 after the post-mortem of the dead body of his son at the Institute hospital, he found that the eyes had been removed from the dead body and replaced by artificial eyes. On preliminary enquiries, it was found that a technician of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences had removed the eyes from the dead body after obtaining verbal consent of the relatives of the deceased. However, since the father of the deceased has denied having given such consent, a detailed enquiry has been ordered by the Institute.

(c) Eyes required for transplantation, are removed from dead bodies of persons who have pledged their eyes during their life-time or after obtaining the consent of the next-of-kin of the dead. Under the Delhi Eye Act, 1982, eyes may be removed from unclaimed bodies or from bodies which have been sent for medico-legal and pathological post-mortem.

(d) After detailed enquiries into the incident the Institute will take further action. Instructions have also been reiterated to all concerned staff of the Institute to follow the correct procedure in this regard.

अहमदाबाद के लिये परिक्रमा रेल

400. **श्री मोर्जा इर्शादबेग ऐयुबबेग :** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पश्चिम रेलवे ने अहमदाबाद में परिक्रमा रेल के संबंध में कोई तकनीकी, आर्थिक, व्यावहारिक अध्ययन किया है और इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय लिया गया है ; और

(ख) क्या योजना आयोग ने इस परियोजना का अनुमोदन कर दिया है ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री ए० बी० ए० गनी खान चौधरी) : (क) अहमदाबाद में, अहमदाबाद नगर निगम के अनुरोध और लागत पर तथा अहमदाबाद शहरी विकास प्राधिकरण के निक्षेप कार्य के रूप में बंबई स्थित महानगर संगठन द्वारा सर्कुलर रेलवे के लिए तकनीकी, आर्थिक, व्यावहारिकता अध्ययन किया जा रहा है।

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